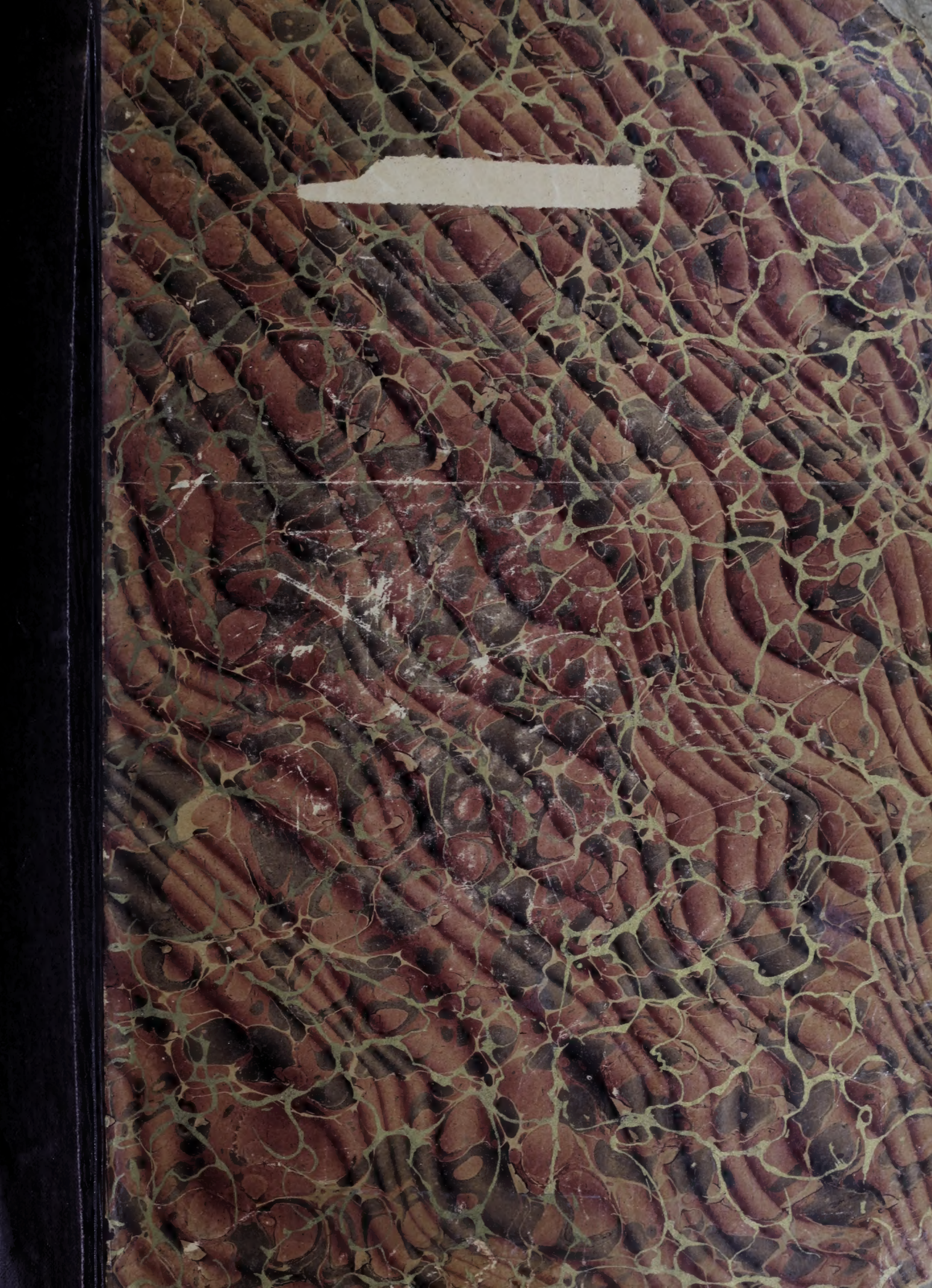

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LL CORRESPONDENCE
OULD BE ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY
~~S. P. LANGLEY~~

May 23, 1906.

Dear Sir:

I am authorized to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 14th instant and to thank you for the publications of the Sharon Historical Society, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 1904 to 1906, together with a copy of the History of the First Parish, Sharon, Massachussetts, which you were so good as to send to the Smithsonian Institution in response to my request.

The Annual Reports of the American Historical Association will be sent you regularly, commencing with that for 1904, and of the back Volumes, the Institution is sending you those for 1900, 1901 and 1902.

Very respectfully yours,

Assistant Secretary
In charge of Library and Exchanges.

Mr. Eugene Tappan,
Corresponding Secretary,
Sharon Historical Society,
Sharon, Mass.

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
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ALL CORRESPONDENCE
SHOULD BE ADDRESSED
TO THE SECRETARY
~~S. P. LANGLEY~~

May 11, 1906.

Dear Sir:

I am authorized to say that the Smithsonian Institution is desirous of securing the publications of your society, and will be glad to send in exchange the Annual Reports of the American Historical Association, commencing with the last issued, that for 1904. I beg to say that if a complete series of your publications can be supplied, the Institution will send as many of the back volumes of the Reports as are now available.

Very respectfully yours,

Cyrus Adler

Assistant Secretary
in Charge of Library and Exchanges.

The Secretary,
Sharon Historical Society,
Sharon, Massachusetts.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR,
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New York October 8, 1904

The Secretary, Sharon Historical Society,

Sharon, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to request that this Library may be furnished with a copy of the publication of the Sharon Historical Society for 1904, a favor that will be greatly appreciated. This Library has a large collection of publications relating to the History of the United States and any assistance you can render in completing it will be gladly received.

I would also request that the name of the Library may be placed on your regular mailing list to receive future issues as they appear.

Thanking you in advance for a favorable consideration of this request, I am,

Very respectfully,

Director.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR,
ASTOR LIBRARY BUILDING, 40 LAFAYETTE PLACE.

New York October 24, 1904

Eugene Tappan, Esq.,

Secretary, Sharon Historical Society, Sharon, Mass.

Dear Mr. Tapley;-

In addition to the formal receipt of the Trustees herewith enclosed, I beg to extend my personal thanks for "Publications no.1" of the Sharon Historical Society., just received.

In reply to your enquiry about my relationship to the Sharon Billings, I am compelled to say that I do not know. I am a descendant of William Billings, one of the first settlers of Stonington, Conn., but I shall have to wait for the publication of the Billings Genealogy, by Charles Billings, which has been announced as impending for the last six months, before I can answer any questions about Massachusetts members of the family.

Very truly yours,

J S Billings

Director.

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CANTON, MASS. March 21 1906

My dear Mr. Tappan

In reply to your letter of yesterday, will say I have been withdrawing from some of the orders, which I belong to this past Winter, for I took on so many, and could not attend to them that I thought best, to sever my connection with them, I have thought I would like to have the Historical Society visit the old cellar of Lieut Holmes, who was an officer in the Revolution, where I have built a new house, and placed a billion stone. We could visit the big rock and look over the old oaks and enjoy the cedars, all on lot near by. also the line just back of house between Canton and Sharon. Perhaps we could set some day in May or June for this walk, and hoping we may enjoy it I am

Respectfully
E. C. Britton

TOWN OF BEDFORD
OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK
AND
COLLECTOR OF TAXES

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Bedford, Sept. 5. 1905.

Mr. John G. Phillips.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your announcement for outings of Sharon Historical Society. Would that I could avail myself of one or more of them. The plan is excellent and I doubt not the trips will be pleasant and profitable.

I wish you success in this as in all of your work to preserve the annals and way marks for coming generations.

Very truly yours,

Abram English Brown
Clerk of Bedford Historical Society

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Norfolk County Registry of Deeds.

JOHN H. BURDAKIN, REGISTER.
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Dedham, Mass., March 19. 1902.

Committee of Deborah Sampson Gannett Dinner.
Eugene Tappan, Esq., Chm

Dear Sir, Please accept my thanks for an invitation to be with you on the evening of April 3d next, another engagement for that evening prevents it. As Librarian of the Dedham Historical Society, I think I have collected everything that has been published concerning Deborah (Sampson) Gannett, including a copy of her address delivered at the Federal St. Theatre in Boston, March 22-26. 1802. I have also, on loan, her petition for a pension Dec. 19. 1820, in which she states that she served as a private soldier during the war of the Revolution in Capt. George Webb's Company of Infantry, in the 4th Massachusetts Regiment, 1st Brigade, commanded by Gen'l Patterson. She succeeded in obtaining a pension which, I am informed, was paid up to the time of her death Apr. 29. 1827 and in 1838 her husband Benjamin Gannett, was allowed a pension by the House of Representatives, he claiming it in right of his deceased wife. If it can be learned in what other places she delivered her address, I should like to be informed.

Very truly yours,

John H. Burdakin.

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Canton, May. 2, 1906

Dear Mr. Tarbox:-

I thank you for your kind invitation to join some members of your Historical Society in your walk next this coming Sat.

I must decline this time as other plans previously made prevent my accepting.

As I am teaching through

the week, Sat. is my only free day therefore a very busy one.

I am much interested in all nature studies but I fear that you have over-estimated my knowledge in that direction.

Thanking you again for the kind attention I am, Sincerely yours

Ida Capen.

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Stoughton, Mass.,
April 12, 1905.

Dear Mr. Tappan,

At last our Historical Society are to have a meeting to which we can invite your Society and feel they will hear something of interest. On the evening of April 19th we are to have an informal talk given by Rear Admiral Wilde of N. Easton, and would be pleased to see as many of your Society as may care to visit us. The meeting will be held in the rooms of the Grand Army at the Town House.

I thank you very

for the souvenir of the Shearonden, which you so kindly sent me.

Am pleased to possess so many fine Sharon views including my grandfather's house.

Hoping to see you on Wednesday evening,

Yours truly,

A. M. Clifton.

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Stoughton, Mass.,
Oct. 25th, 1903.

Dear Mr. Tuttman,

Many thanks for the invitation to attend the meeting of the your Historical Society. Have delayed answering your note to ascertain if some of our members would be able to go. The prospect now is that you will see a few of us.

I read the History of the First Parish in Sharon with much interest, and am very much obliged for it. There is an incident in it about my grandfather, Samuel Cobb, which interested me greatly.

I have in my personal possession some written papers

bearing date back as far as 1721. From the names in them I am sure they refer to your part of ancient Stoughton and I will deliver them to you. Will bring them Thursday evening. They date to town meetings and requests to schools &c, and are valuable solely for their antiquity.

Wishing a long and useful life to the Sharon Historical Society, yours truly,

Amos W. Dean,
Sr. Stoughton Hist.
Society.

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Stoughton, Mass.,
Dec. 13, 1903.

Dear Mr. Tyler,

I am very glad you sent the paper which pertained to Canton History to Hist. Society. We have received a letter of thanks from them and also a request that a committee be appointed to look over the papers which I have in my possession. We are pleased to have you so look over the rest of those papers.

At the meeting of our Society Monday evening, it was voted that we should use at our next meeting the very interesting paper which we enjoyed so much at your meeting. The vote was at the next meeting as the D.A.R. meeting would suit us just as well and

perhaps might prove a better time, as the fair meeting is our annual meeting. Our business however does not occupy much time, only we do not want any one that might to have any paper which will interest you. Perhaps you will come here to look at the papers and we can talk the matter over. Time we think next Tuesday, or most evening if you let me know in time.

My home is on Prince St, the fifth house, and we will welcome.

Yours truly,

Amelia M. Upton,

Clerk

Stoughton Ma. Lic.

Stoughton, Mass.,
April 11, 1904.

Dear Mr. Tappan:

The April meeting of our Historical Society is to be held on the evening of Patriots' Day. We should be pleased to have you attend with as many friends as would care to come with you.

Rev. H. H. Morrison of Brockton will give us a lecture which is to be a history of "Old Ironsides" though the title is "A Child of Old Boston".

This lecture is sure to be interesting as Mr. Morrison has a fine voice and talks without notes. A year or more ago he gave us a [illegible]

"Lafayette, the Friend of Washington," which was one of the finest things I have ever heard.

I still want to write something for your scrap book, but have as yet had no opportunity to look up what I need.

Do not feel obliged to reply to this note, but come if you like to and can.

Yours truly,

Amelia M. Sifton

Stoughton, Mass.
Oct. 23, 1904.

Dear Mr. Tappan,

The cordial invitation to attend the meeting of your Historical Society contained in your note of Oct. 3, was extended to our members at the last meeting of our Society. Quite a number expressed a desire to accept the invitation, and I & we have been looking forward with much pleasure to the occasion; - but alas for plans and hopes! the 27th is the time set for the High School Reunion Banquet, which must take first place with quite a number of us, so I shall have to make myself contented with reading accounts

of your meeting.

I was intending to bring you, but shall now send by mail, a copy of my unpublished on Silk Culture. I had asked his daughter about it, and the Miss French who boarded in Sharon last summer had asked her, so being in Dedham a few weeks ago we managed to hunt this copy up in the attic.

With many thanks from the society and myself and the hope that your meeting will prove all you have hoped for it, with kindest regards,

Yours truly,
A. M. Clifton,
Sec. S. H. S.

Stoughton, Mass.,
May 15, 1904.

Dear Mr. Tappan:

Please excuse my delay in acknowledging the paper and book which you have sent me. My excuse is that I have been away on a visit. When the pamphlet came to the Historical Society, I read every word of it with great interest and said to myself "I wish I had one for my own". So you can see that I am very much ~~ob~~ obliged to you for both the books. I am sorry I have no publication

of ours to send you in return. We have a book planned, but it is still only a plan.

Jeremiah Gould was a very intimate friend of my mother and aunts and I believe a cousin as well, so I was much interested to read his article.

Am interested in the excursion to Lexington, June 4, but do not know as I can induce our people to go. Thank you for telling us much about it.

Wish I had heard what Mr. Mann said about Bob's tavern at your last meeting.

Yours truly

A. M. Clifton.

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Stoughton, Mass.
Aug. 2, 1904.

Dear Mr. Tappan,

Many thanks for your renewed invitation to participate in your outing. I have delayed writing in the hope that some congenial lady friend would be ready to go with me, but Mrs. Judge Kinder, the only available one just now who is interested, is still undecided. If she decides to go we will be there and take our chance on getting an opportunity to ride.

My great great grandfather Israel Smith settled on Moose Hill about 1755. My great mother and her brothers and sisters were born there, one of whom Jacob Smith

I can remember as he lived to be over ninety. Could tell of a visit to Moore Hill to see him with my grandmother Mrs. Grob more than fifty years ago. With best wishes for the success of your "Historical Day",

Yours truly,

A. M. Clifton.

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Gentlemen:

I shall greatly appreciate it if you will kindly send to this library a complimentary copy of no. 1 of the publications of your society, for permanent preservation upon our shelves. Will you not also place the name of this library upon your maliing list so that we may receive future issues?

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in this matter believe me

Yours very truly,

Arthur H. Chase

Librarian.

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Gentlemen:

I shall greatly appreciate it if you will kindly send this library a complimentary copy of the "Address delivered in 1802 by Mrs. Deborah Sampson Gannett", recently reprinted by you, for permanent preservation upon our shelves.

We have many thousand volumes of New England local history and are making every effort to bring the collection to completion.

Yours very truly,

Arthur H. Chase

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39½ Pond St.
Natick Oct 9, 1905

Mr Eugene Tappan
My dear Sir,

I was much pleased at receiving your kind and appreciative letter, also the Sharon Advocate, containing the article "A Bassapong Autumn" which I read with great interest.

I consider the pamphlet "Publications No 2 of the Sharon Historical Society" a very valuable one. I have looked it over and have laid it aside to read again, more carefully, soon.

I am interested more par-

-ticularly in all Sharon matte
on account of the great pleasure
which my husband took in
everything pertaining to that
town.

I return my thanks for
your kind invitation to join
you at the next meeting on
Oct. 26, but my time is so
fully occupied with matters
relating to the numerous or-
ganizations here and in Bos-
ton of which I am a member,
that I fear I cannot be pres-
-ent. I trust and believe that
you will have a very enjoyable
meeting.

I feel very sorry that Mr George Mann is so seriously afflicted. Those two brothers Geo. R. and Wm. R. Mann were held in high esteem by our aunt Miss Elizabeth H. Morse. I also have a great personal regard for them both, myself. I hope that Mr Mann's trouble may not prove to be permanent.

With best wishes, I remain
Very sincerely Yours,
O. A. Cheney.

99½ Pond St.,
Natick Sept. 25, 1905.

My dear Mr Fraum,

I received your letter in which you so kindly answer my inquiries.

I shall be most happy to do anything in my power to add to the interest of the Sharon Historical Society, and will send the deeds as soon as I have an opportunity to look them over. They are now in my "Safe Deposit Drawer" in the Natick National Bank Building. If my husband were only living he would, no doubt, have a wealth of information which he would be most happy to impart.

But I am, in a sense "a foreigner," still I take a great interest in everything connected with Sharon, both on account of my husband's connection with it and also because Aunt Lizzie loved it so well.

Is the Sharon Historical Society incorporated? We have a society of that character in South Natick, of which my father was president, until his death. I wish we had as large a membership as the Sharon Society contains.

Shall I send the deeds to you? If not, please send me the name of the proper person to whom to forward them.

With best wishes I am

Sincerely your friend

O. A. Cheney.

37½ Pond St.
Natick Oct. 1, 1915

My dear Mr. Hearn,

I received and read your letter of Sept. 26 with great pleasure.

I shall send, very soon, to Mr. Effingham the deeds shown of, also a very old paper which I have found — the commission given to Ezra Morse Jr. by which he was appointed Captain of the third company in Dedham in the first regiment of militia. It is dated "In the nineteenth year of the reign of His Majesty, King George the Second, A.D. 1745."

I will enclose for him, and also, send, under another cover, to you, a copy of a historical pamphlet prepared by Amos under the direction of the Historical Society of South Natick.

If your society has never had any "Field Days" I think they would enjoy trying them, as we did. We visited various sites of historic interest as noted in the book I send you.

Both Amos and my father were really interested in historical matters.

I will also enclose a little booklet in this letter written by Amos, and similar relating to Sharon, prepared by Mr Wickes.

If I find anything further of interest connected with Sharon, I will forward it to the secretary for the Society.

Very cordially yours, R. T. Morse.

39½ Pond St.,
Natick, Mass., Oct. 2, 1905.

Eugene Lappan Esq.,
My dear Sir,

I have some old deeds formerly belonging to the Morse family who were residents of Sharon. Their immediate family have all died. The deeds have all been recorded and are of no real value except, in a slight degree, as historic relics. Mr William R. Mann, a valued friend of the family, thinks the Historical Society of Sharon might like to look them over and possibly preserve them. I will therefore forward them to you, by express. I will enclose also the original commission given to Ezra Morse Jr. who was appointed Captain of the third company in Dedham in the first regiment of militia. It is dated "In the nineteenth year of the reign of His Majesty, King George the Second, 1745." As it was rather dilapidated I have pasted it on cloth in order to make it more permanent.

I will also enclose a copy of a historical sketch prepared by my husband, under the direction of the Historical Society, South Natick. On our "Field Day" we visited various sites of historic interest as noted in the book I send you.

Very cordially Yours,
D. A. Cheney.

[illegible] Mr., Wakefield, [illegible], [illegible]

Dear Mr. Taylor:--

I have received all [illegible] of these old [illegible] week and the second number of the "Publications." I thank you very heartily for them and will [illegible] with keen interest. If I were not to be in the West at the time I should be inclined to [illegible] attempt [illegible].

[illegible] is certainly a different place now from what it [illegible] in my time [illegible]. I could not conceive of anything [illegible] such as you [illegible] be able to bring to pass easily now. [illegible] I [illegible] my historical [illegible] I do not think it occurred to anybody that the publication [illegible] desirable. I did not suggest it because I thought it a thing [illegible] impossible to bring about.

I [illegible] that your are getting together books and antiquarian objects. I have [illegible] copies of my history of the Indian and Irish now including [illegible] of Westwood--in fact a history of that town up to 20 years ago. If you care for it I will gladly send you a copy of that book, about [illegible] cloth.

Truly yours,

George W. Cooke

Hebron Me.
Oct. 8. 1904

Mr. Eugene Stone:
My dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter I will say I will do as you request as soon as I can. I cannot at present for I am overworked with work & am suffering with inflammation in my eyes, caused by using them too much in the camp. I hope they will be better soon, but at present I am forbidden to use them by the specialist who is treating them.

I will send the paper I have as soon as it is printed.

I remember "Elder Billings" were thought to be dead when I was only 10 or 11 years of age. & I have been acquainted with his children

to the 4 generation. My grandfather came from Wilbraham Mass. to Rollins from Stratham. Liar or surplainer call this Cicero.

Very Very truly

A. R. Brown

P.S. I do not know where to find a copy of Kendall's Autobiography. I borrowed one from the Library of Colby College. If you wish to consult the volume write to E. H. Hall, Librarian, Colby College Waterville Me. & he will I am sure be pleased to accommodate.

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Taunton Public Library.

J. E. CRANE, Librarian.

Taunton, Mass., Aug 4 190

Mr. Eugene Tappan.
Sharon Historical Society

My dear Sir:

I am aware of the many calls upon you during this eventful week. The Old Bridgewater Historical Society is to hold its annual Field day on Saturday, Aug 5 (tomorrow) at East Bridgewater near Lathams Rock. We should be pleased to see you there and hope that it will be possible for you to attend.

Through the courtesy of Mr. J. E. Leach of Boston I have already notified you of the date.

Yours sincerely
J. E. Crane
Ass't Lib.

CRAWFORD HOUSE
Scollay Square
BOSTON
GOODWIN & RIMBACH

Boston, Mass.
Feb. 13th 1906.

My dear Mr. Tappan:-

Your very kind letter, and souvenir of Sharon has been received. I was very much pleased to hear from you and certainly appreciate your kindness.

Owing to my trip to New Hampshire, and Maine, I did not receive your communication until my return to Boston.

I would be very much pleased to accept your very kind invitation for June. 16th, and I would be pleased to sing for your friends. I know of nothing now to prevent me from coming to Sharon on that date

CRAWFORD HOUSE

Scollay Square
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Again, thanking you for your kindness.

With my best wishes.

I am,

Sincerely,

George B. Cutter

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WOBURN PUBLIC LIBRARY,
WOBURN, MASS.

Nov. 6, 1903.

Mr. Eugene Tappan,
Corresponding Secretary,
Sharon Historical Society,
Sharon, Mass.

My dear Sir:

I accept in behalf of the Rumford Historical Association of Woburn, the copy of the sermon including the history of the First Parish in Sharon. I have read it, and think it is one of the finest sermons I have ever read. It may be of interest to you to know that the Mary Kimball, who married Rev. Jonathan Whittaker, was the great-aunt of my wife, and also

of other members of the Kimball family residing in Woburn.

The Rumford Historical Association has published a pamphlet recently, a copy of which I shall be glad to send you.

Let me thank you also for the cordial quality of your letter. The Rumford Association has for its principal object the preservation of the Rumford birthplace. Its activity in other respects is not marked by any distinguished features.

I am very truly yours,

William R. Cutter
Cor. Sec.

New Bedford, Mass
March 22d. 1903.

To Eugene Taffan

Dear Sir:

I am obliged to you for yours of yesterday, which gives me information concerning the Old Bay Road

The word "Dry Pond" seems familiar to me. My mother Rachel Gilbert Leach, who married Telsan B. Denham of New Bedford, had a brother named Giles Gilbert Leach who died in Stoughton Center March 24, 1874 He was father of Luther Swan Leach, who died in Stoughton Center April 11, 1875; & was the grand-father of Joseph Swan Leach now of Walpole.

I've heard my mother say that she visited her brother Giles Gilbert Leach at his home, when he was living at "Dry Pond." My memory don't go back that far.

Giles Gilbert Leach my mother's brother was the son of Giles & Rachel (Gilbert) Leach of Easton. The name Giles runs all through the Leach generations, from Giles, the son of Lawrence, born in Salem. From Giles have sprung the Bridgewater & Easton Leaches. I might say the present Bristol & Plymouth County Leaches. Giles Leach my grandfather married Rachel Gilbert, daughter of Nathaniel & Mary (Keith) Gilbert of Easton.

Rachel (Gilbert) Leach, my grandmother, had a brother Judson Gilbert, who married Nov 17, 1808 Mary Gannett, daughter of Deborah (Sampson) Gannett, which gives Deborah Sampson of more than historic interest to me. From this marriage have come the present Stoughton Gilberts

When my mother was a very small child she went with her mother, Rachel (Gilbert) Leach to visit Judson & Mary (Gannett) Leach. She was too young to remember much about the visit.

I've been trying to find what house was used for the picture in the Boston Herald of May 25, 1902, as the home of Deborah Sampson Gannett. Mrs Susan Moody, on whom I called last Summer could not tell. She was as much in the dark as I. The newspaper article has been republished by the same writer, Mary E. Crawford in The Romance of Old New England Rooftrees (Boston 1903. p 188) That writer from a letter she sent me seems to know but little about the subject. If that is the way the writer — with only an inkling of knowledge — she is not to be considered reliable. Modern writers are making a muddle of history, and the next generation will be all at sea.

Why I was especially desirous of knowing what house was given in the newspaper was

the thought that it might have some other historic association, or be temporarily connected with Deborah Sampson.

I am pleased to know that another child has been born from Deborah. Will it be named for the famous woman of the clan.

I am also pleased to know that Mr. George H. Whitten can remember me. He kindly assisted me in regard to the Deborah Sampson house, directing me to Mrs. Moody & also sent me his pamphlet on Sharon. I wish some of the sites mentioned therein were on my proposed route. To deviate from that route would take too much time, and like a hunt in genealogical tracing, never end.

I've touched the old Bay Road at different times in my riding; but never followed it directly as a route. I calculate I'll enjoy my ride, as I always enjoy such excursions. When with the Boston Bicycle Club last Fall, I stopped at the Cobb Tavern. It seemed to me it must have an interesting history but Mr. & Miss Cobb, were too busy to talk much about the house then. You however have given me some interesting facts, for which I am obliged to you.

When I can do a favor for you I trust you will inform me. Again thanking you for your letter & the information it contains

I remain yours very respectfully

Edward Denham.

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The New York Public Library

ASTOR, LENOX AND TILDEN FOUNDATIONS.

New York, September 8 1904

LENOX LIBRARY BUILDING,
FIFTH AVE. & 70TH STREET.

Dear Sir:-

As the New York Public Library makes a speciality of genealogies and local histories, which are carefully catalogued and made available for the free use of the public, I write to ask whether you will give to the Library a copy of your new book named below. Any circular matter or extracts from reviews which you may be able to send will also be acceptable.

Yours very truly,

Wilberforce Eames

Lenox Librarian.

Sharon Historical Society,
Sharon, Mass.

Publications of the Sharon (Mass.) Historical Society. No. 1 April 1904. Boston, 1904.

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The New York Public Library

ASTOR, LENOX AND TILDEN FOUNDATIONS.

New York, June 23rd 1905

LENOX LIBRARY BUILDING,
FIFTH AVE. & 70TH STREET.

Sharon Historical Society,

Sharon, Mass.

Dear Sirs:-

As the New York Public Library makes a speciality of genealogies and local histories, which are carefully catalogued and made available for the use of the public, I write to ask whether you would be willing to give to the Library a copy of your book named below. If however, you cannot send the book as a gift, will you kindly name the best terms on which it may be bought. Any circular matter or extracts you may be able to send will also be acceptable.

Yours very truly,

Wilberforce Eames

Lenox Librarian.

Publications of the Sharon Historical Society.No.2
An address del'd.in 1802 in various towns in Mass...
By Mrs.D.S.Gannett...Reprinted by S.H.S.1905.

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GEORGE P. BULLARD,
PRESIDENT AND TREASURER.
GEORGE TAYLOR,
GENERAL MANAGER.

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WM. M. BAILEY,
CHIEF ENGINEER.
CHESTER J. HOGUE,
CONSTRUCTING ENGINEER.

BOSTON, April 11, 1906

We estimate the cost of an Historical Society Building, according to sketches submitted to us to be built entirely of concrete, to be the sum of SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS ($6,000.00). We have estimated on the following items of work for the building: excavations, footings, foundation wall, basement floor with granolithic top, areas around basement windows, entrance steps of granolithic finish, the base course with a hammered finish, the walls and cornice of cinder concrete with cement plaster finish, the first floor with granolithic surface, roof supported on steel trusses and having neat tile finish, furring, lathing and plastering of interior partitions, ceilings and inside of walls, chimney with fireplace, cement base around all rooms, windows and doors and circular stairs to basement; the outside door is to be of wood covered with sheet copper panelled about as shown; the interior doors to be of wood covered with copper plated sheet steel panelled to suit. We have not included any electric wiring, piping, heating, interior decorating or other work except as mentioned above.

Yours very truly,

EASTERN EXPANDED METAL CO.

Williams

Engineer

R/M

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Hancock Historical Society.

Twenty-seven persons entered into a legal organization on May 9, 1903, under the corporate name of Hancock Historical Society, and after adopting a Constitution and By-Laws, chose the following board of officers, viz: Orland Eaton, President; Henry F. Robinson, Andrew B. Stone, Lewis Hunt, Lizzie (Symonds) Boutelle, L. Vernon Briggs, Vice Presidents; Abbie M. Symonds, Secretary; Helen C. Duncan, Treasurer; Cristy H. Duncan, Auditor.

The same persons were reelected, to these offices, at the annual meeting on Feb. 17, 1904. The present membership of the society is between forty and fifty. It now owns, ~~virtually~~ free of debt, the brick house built by Charles Symonds, commonly known now as the Priest house, corner of Main and Bennington streets, but needs funds to properly fit it up for its purposes, as it now hopes to do in the spring or early summer. The Society now possesses a large and increasing collection of manuscripts, papers and historical articles.

Hancock, N. H. Mar. 22, 1904.

Mr. Tapan

My dear Sir,

A member of our society was visiting in Geneva, N. Y.

Probably you may be acquainted with one of our Vice Presidents — Dr. Biffa. His land joins mine in this town.

Hoping for some light on the matter we have introduced at an early date I will close.

Very truly yours

Orland Eaton Jr.

has recently sent us a newspaper clipping in regard to a scrapbook you have introduced into your society.

We desire further information as to how it works in your case?

What is the size of your sheets and of your scrap book pages?

Do you purchase your scrap books, and if so where and at what cost? If made by you what is the process.

We are new and perhaps [illegible] at our place but enthusiastic.

30 Prospect St.
Gloucester, Mass.
11/13/'05

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To
The Sharon Historical Society.
Sharon, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

I find in the "American Historical Review" for Oct., a notice of your reprint of "An Address ... by Mrs. Deborah Sampson Gannett."

Can I procure a copy? If so, please indicate price, in enclosed, & I will remit.

Several years ago I gave the G. A. R. Memorial address in Canton, Mass., in which I made brief mention of Deborah Sampson, & I would be glad to know

more with regard to her.

Kindly reply & oblige

Yours Sincerely,

Richard Eddy.

Pres: of Universalist Historical Soc'ty.

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Mr. Eugene Tappan,

Dear Sir.

Please let me know where and at what hours it would be convenient for me to look over Sharon records other than those already printed in Dedham Registers if there are such in possession of your society which

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Please address all correspondence to the Boston Book Co.

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LIBRARY DEPARTMENT,
FREDERICK W. FAXON, Manager

In reply to yours of July 29 1904

Sharon Historical Society,
Sharon, Mass.

Dear Sirs:-

We compile a quarterly list of "new periodicals" for our "Bulletin of Bibliography", which is mailed to one thousand libraries in the United States and England. We understand you are publishing a new periodical, and we respectfully request a sample copy of vol.1 #1 that the title may be included in our next list. It may be of advantage to you to be thus noticed. If you cannot send us vol.1 #1, any later number will do, in which case please state month and year of the first number on a post card.

Please address all numbers and communications to

Frederick W. Faxon,
Editor Bulletin of Bibliography
83-91 Francis St.
Back Bay,
Boston, Mass.

Sharon, Jan. 14. 1904

Dear Mr Tappan:

Replying very briefly to your request for an outline of my proposed talk upon the geology of Sharon, I have in mind an attempt to treat the subject as one may read it who looks from the summit of Moore Hill. I shall try to go back in imagination to the time when Moore Hill, Rattlesnake & the Blue Hills first appeared above the waters, and follow briefly the subsequent changes; ~~and the~~ conditions and causes of Sharon's diversified topography, with particular reference to such prominent local features as the large hills, Lake Massapoag & the long gravel ridge east of it, the gravel hills & plains, Beaver Brook meadow, etc.

Sincerely yours

George W. Field

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ayer School of Civil Engineering,
CONNECTED WITH DARTMOUTH COLLEGE,
POST GRADUATE COURSE.

T FLETCHER, Ph. D., DIRECTOR, Prof. of Civil Engineering.
V. HAZEN, C. E., Prof. of Civ. Eng. on Chandler Foundation.
JOHN L. MANN, C. E., Assoc. Prof. of Civil Engineering.
CHAS A. HOLDEN, C. E. Instructor.
FRANK E. AUSTIN, B. S., Electrical Engineering.

Hanover, N. H., May 28, 1904.

Mr. Eugene Tappan,
Sharon, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to thank you for the interesting historical pamphlet which you kindly sent me and to say that I read the poem by the surveyor with a great deal of interest, and was really surprised to find that notwithstanding the great improvements in instruments and methods, the life and work of the surveyor was so nearly similar to what it is today.

Yours very truly,

Director.

Medford Nov 7/03

Sharon Historical Society

I am directed as the Medford Historical Society to congratulate you upon your organization for the study of ancient, historic such as relates to your section and hours that you may be very successful in your endeavors

Beginning with you you will receive our "Regards" and hope that you will favor us with any thing you may publish in exchange

Yours Fraternally

Medford Historical Society
by Geo H Tuttle
Cor Sec

THE SHARON

Improvement and Literary Association

Sharon, Mass., April 18 1905

Sam Historical Society
Eugene Vinson Esq.
Dear Sir

At a meeting of our Executive Com^tee this evening Mr Lorenzo M. Morse Mrs Jos. Goddard Martin Edward & Walter Roland Delano and Miss Blanche L. Dunham were appointed Com^tee to confer with you in the celebration of Old Home Week

Yours truly
Joseph Goddard
Clerk

East Walpole Oct. 6, '05

Mr. Tappan

Dear Sir.

In reply to your of the 2nd. Shall be very glad to have the Sherman Historical Society stop at the Roe-Buck farm on visiting. Mrs. Carpenter

best portion of it, I am at
sea in regard to the
situation. The house is
on the side of the Roe Buck
Torrent.

Yours Truly

" Frank D. Gaston

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Mr Tappan -

My dear Sir -

Will you kindly express to the "Sharon Historical Society" my grateful thanks for the beautiful floral offering for my dear Mother -

Sincerely yours -

Hattie M. D. Harper.

December twenty-third.
Nineteen hundred three.

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DUBUQUE, IOWA, Jan 16 190 4

Jesse Tappan Esq.

Dear Sir.

Your letter to my father has sent me to answer and I do so with a great deal of pleasure although I cannot give the desired information. I do not think any one other knew anything about the individuals in company with her father. At least she never mentioned the fact to me. She used to say that her father had taken her on

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there and told her of some of his experiences
alley Forge but it was extremely difficult
her to speak of details although I tried
y times. I do not think that Mrs Barbour
s give you any information but if there
y body who could it would be Mrs Henry
thorn of Harvard Massachusetts who is
grandmothers niece and the daughter of
sister Nancy Harrod. Mrs Barbour is
90 years of age and very frail. Anything

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may desire concerning my Grandmother's
ly I shall be pleased to tell you.

Believe me
My Dearing

J. W. Heustis

E BOSTON BOOK CO.,
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BOSTON, MASS.

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Dear Sir —

Thank you for your note. I shall be glad if could learn that concerning my father may be of interest. Neither [illegible] I wished have [illegible] much longer. [illegible] your home almost [illegible] I had had the advantage of a longer course with him, I should [illegible] learned more about his family, [illegible] parent.

I shall give my self the pleasure of calling on you some day this week. I will bring some photographs of the old place including the leading down to the [illegible] known in the family as "[illegible]"

[E BOSTON BOOK CO.,
:HAS. C. SOULE, PRES.
91 Francis St., Back Bay,
BOSTON, MASS.

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[illegible]

I shall be glad to see you [illegible]
next Saturday if [illegible]

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

THE BOSTON BOOK CO.,
CHAS. C. SOULE, PRES.
to 91 Francis St., Back Bay,
BOSTON, MASS.

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Plymouth - Tuesday

Thank you the Town
for with its pleasantly written account of
delightful excursion yesterday afternoon.
I feel your Society had expressed
much interest in the faith by the Pilgrims,
I have much pleasure in forwarding
herewith a photograph of the stone
found on the occasion of the speakers that
evening.

Yours truly
Chas. C. Soule

THE BOSTON BOOK CO.,
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33 to 91 Francis St., Back Bay,
BOSTON, MASS.

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Dear Mr. Stephen

As a Town Historical society having expressed interest in the park on the border of Mahoosuc Lake, willingly given and by my father many years ago, that I have a pleasure in presenting the society with photographs of the park, taken by a friend some four years ago.

The track must have been made about 1855. My father had a second illness, it was while recuperating at the old homestead, which stood where Town House now stands, that he used to walk every day taking a hatchet along, cut out the underbrush etc to gradually build up the path which has been kept open since, which was always known in our

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My dear Uncle Amasa Stone

Thousands of Boston boys have been
[illegible] wood walks to from the old
[illegible] place, & when a boy, right near [illegible]
to enjoy rambling thro' the woods, which
[illegible] to me today [illegible] and [illegible] trees.

I trust you will be able to find a place
on wall of your meeting room for this
[illegible]

With all good wishes of the season,
I remain, My

Dear Uncle,

Your [illegible]
Edward Everett

Incorporated September 1, 1900.

DOVER HISTORICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

OF DOVER AND VICINITY.

RETARY'S OFFICE,

DOVER, MASS., October, 26, 1909.

r. Eugene Tappan Corresponding Sec'y
Sharon Historical Society:

Dear Sir.

Your favor of
17th with copy of Origin and early History of the
st-Parish Sharon was very gratefully received.
We are pleased to learn that you have started
th such an excellent staff of Officers and trust
t your progress may exceed the fondest anticipa-
s of the founders of your Historical Society.

At present we hold our meetings in the
wn Hall, a wooden structure. We have 41 mem-
s with 15 Honorary members, holding our meetings
arterly the first Saturday evening of the quarter.
We have quite a collection of Ancient and rare
ics with a promise of others as soon as we have
ire proof building. Some very valuable pamphlets

Incorporated September 1, 1900. 45A 9

DOVER HISTORICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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e been given by members and Honorary members
our Curators are always on the lookout for
toric Antiquities at all times. In this way
ny articles have been secured which are of
estimable value.

We trust that future prosperity is in store
your Society, and that coming generations will
reciate the efforts you are now making for
preservation of articles of historic value.

Sincerely yours

(Mrs.) Sarah A. Higgins, Secretary.

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Mr. Eugene Tappan
Sharon, Mass.

Dear Sir.—

I find that our Historical Society meeting is called for 7-15, slightly earlier than the time I mentioned to you. As the first thing in order is supper, we would be pleased to see you at that time. I think a car leaves Sharon about 6-35 and you can get the car that leaves the Hall at about 9-30 for Sharon. Ask conductor to leave you at the Unitarian Church Hall, Canton Corner. Date is Tuesday Evening next.

Yours very truly,

S. C. Holden
Sec'y

Ponkapoag March 11. 1906.

EDWIN ARTHUR JONES
37 WALNUT STREET
STOUGHTON, MASS.

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Rec'd Jan 9. 1906

My Dear Mr Chapman:

Thank you kindly for sending me the program of the Burns Festival & the paper with the account of the new Jones Sing - I rejoice exceedingly to find the neighboring

P.S. As one interested in local history you might be interested to know of my visit yesterday to my wife's grandmother, Matilda Capen, residing at corner of Centre & Turnpike Street here in Stoughton. She will be one hundred and one years old next Saturday, and is smart and active, doing her own housework and ruling her home as of yore with a strong hand. Always busy, cheerful, strongly religious, she is truly a "character" come down to us from former generations.

E. H. [illegible]

town of Sharon exhibiting so much enterprise & activity along lines indicative of higher & broader intellectual culture - I wish we had more of that spirit among us in Stoughton

Yours as ever

Edwin A. Jones

Jan 18 - 1906 -

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EDWIN ARTHUR JONES
37 WALNUT STREET
STOUGHTON, MASS.

Dear Mr Tappan,

I called the Ex. Com. of the Old ~~Stoughton~~ Musical Society together in Brockton last Evening and we discussed the subject of going to Sharon in July. There were a variety of opinions — The majority seemed to favor the idea of going, but would prefer to go, so as to sing in the afternoon, instead of evening. The

members are so scattered, some in Branston & some Abingdon etc etc that it will be difficult to get home after an evening Concert.

I think, from what was said (informally) that what would suit them best would be an afternoon Concert of familiar music which needed no rehearsal, & which they would gladly contribute their services, paying their own car fares, and preferring not to be troubled with the other details

of the concert. That is to say, they would forego any chance of making anything on the Concert, and allow your Society to make it a free Concert. Some of them might come in the forenoon to complete all the arrangements for the afternoon Concert. After some discussion of this nature, I suggested that we meet in the Stoughton Public Library next Monday Evg at 7:30 and ask you and other members of the Shawmi Committee

to meet them there and exchange views on the subject.
In this way we may be able to come to something definite in time for your Thursday meeting.
If this meets your approval and you think some of the Sharon Com. will be able to come.
please notify me at once and oblige — Yours truly —
E A Jones —

Stoughton Dec. 14, 1905.

Mr Eugene Tupper

Dear Sir

I will regard answer, your questions as well as I can.

The house that Ben Johnson lived in was about 2 miles from here on the road to Brockton.

It was burned down a number of years ago Freeman Foster owns the place at the present time

2. I did not write the copies myself but they were written for me from the writings of Rev. Johnson found in the cane.
3. I do not know anything about the book.
4. As I understand about the rattlesnake story it was in Sharon where Grandfather and his brother were at work.
I was born in Sharon on the ancient Tolman farm, Dec 9th 1826.
I don't remember of my father ever telling the story

It would be a pleasure to me to be a member of the Historical society in my native Town. If they are willing to take me in you may propose my name and I will pay my fee. I probably will not be able to meet with them much if I can at all.

I wish I could have given you more satisfactory answers.

Respectfully yours

Teresa Jones.

Pendaleville, Shann, June 8th, 1905.

Eugene Tappan, Esq.,
Shann.

My Dear Sir:—

I am favored with your kind note of the date, and I thank you for the same.

I am obliged to go to the city in the A. M. of tomorrow to attend to business that cannot wait and I doubt if I am at home again in time to see yourself and your party. I ask, however, that you will look about the premises as you may wish, and as you please; and while there is "nothing much" worthy of notice on the place, the strawberry plants near the house (as well as Goliath!) may possibly interest.

Very truly Yours, David M. Kelly.

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The Elms

To Mr Eugene Toppan.

The promised photograph of the house in East Malpeck where the Peace Ball was danced at the close of the war of the Revolution, has been received, and will be presented to the Sheron Historical Society, when the date of building and name of owner has been

The homestead passed into the hands of strangers several years ago.

Cordially yours

Edna J. Compton.

Sharon

Nov 5. 1905

P.S. A wooden bench over the hundred years old, was presented to the Sharon Antique Collection by Horace and Lucy Clapp. Members of that family have chairs painted red retaining it in the family. Horace said it belonged in Sharon.

as entered. The photograph was furnished by Miss Sarah E. Potter of East Medford.

I inclose a clipping from the Sunday Herald which is of short interesting.

The Clapp homestead is standing on the road that leads to the Cathedral Pines owned by the Plympton heirs.

The last occupant of the Clapp family was Horace Clapp who died last winter and was buried with his ancestors in the Billings cemetery.

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CEDAR STREET,
WORCESTER.

Eugene Tappan Esq
Sharon
Mass

March 17th

My dear Sir

A Butterfield of Boston wrote me last week asking me to send him a copy of Indian names of Places in Worcester County - I published the book principally for private circulation knowing that comparatively few would be interested in it finding out from him from whom he received the order it gives me great pleasure to send you a copy under another cover which I hope you will accept with my compliments.

Yours very truly Lucius N. Kinnicutt.

since 1780 Seoncumpenshen swamp

Dark Pitt plan 1716–1731 Conkanpeinshon Cedar swamp .

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CEDAR STREET,
WORCESTER.

March 25th.

Dear Mr Tappan

I received by mail yesterday a copy of Publications of the Sharon Historical Society containing the reprint of Mrs Deborah Gannett's address which I am very glad to own and for which I am much obliged – I also wish to thank you for the Indian names you mention in your letter for they will be of use to me in the future work I hope to accomplish – Do you know of any traditional or real interpretations of these words – of course massapoag is simply "great Pond" Do you know if there is any red earth or paint clay about Wolomolopoag – I shall take the liberty – of accepting

you mention some day
and call on you in your office
in Boston –

Yours sincerely
Lincoln N. Kinnicutt.

Latham Street School
Boston April 15, 1904

Eugene Tappan Esq
Dear Sir

Yours of the 11th inst
is at hand. I was in Sparta
one winter many years ago and
if I can find anything that
would be of interest or value to
your historical Society it has
faded from my memory.
Instead therefore of a leaf from
your scrap book I will send
you a little book for your library

Yours truly

E M Lancaster

Boston March 15

My dear Mr Jeffers, I received your letter this morning and shall be glad to give you any information in my power to the Stoughton Academy you have in your hat. I shall not be able to attend to it until Saturday, as I have nothing here to use

I will try also to

write something for the
Logg Book
I expect to be home
the first of April
and I hope to attend
the quarterly meeting
I was very sorry
to miss the meeting
we enjoyed.
Sincerely yours
[illegible]

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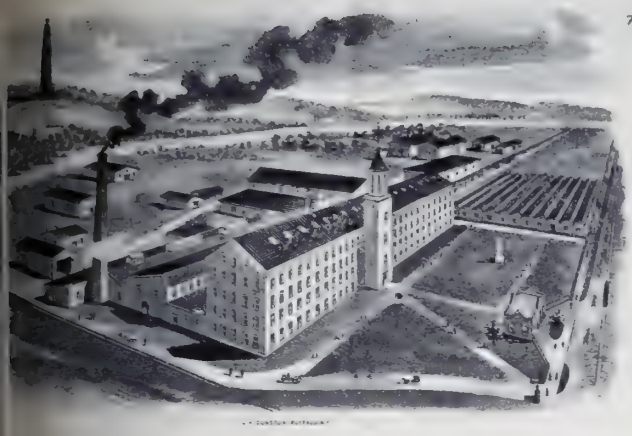

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Boston, Mass. Mch. 19, 1904.

Eugene Tappan,

Sharon, Mass.

r Sir:-

My sister, Miss Dora M. Leonard, asked me in a joking way if I ld write something for your scrap-book and I send you the enclosed, ch is my first effort at anything of the kind.

This may not be worthy of a place in your book and if so, my sister ught it would be nice if you would hand it to the Sharon Advocate let them print it in their April number.

I myself have spoken to every man mentioned in this narrative at the es mentioned, but it would be wrong for me to say that it was all on same day.

Yours truly,

Geo. F. Leonard
72 Lincoln St
Boston

Melrose,
Feby. 10, 1902

My dear Mr. Tappan,

I have been ill for the last five weeks, part of the time in bed, with the care of a doctor and nurse. This will explain the delay in my reply to your letter.

I think it a very interesting discovery that you have made. And it seems to me that Deborah Tampson is in every way worthy of the honor proposed to her memory. She was most patriotic, serving her country as a

man, when fighting men as soldiers were greatly needed, and were not very plenty, eliciting even grateful acknowledgment from Gen. Washington. There is sufficient in her romantic history to lead to a most interesting celebration, if that is decided upon.

Yrs. truly,
Mary A. Livermore.

There seems to be no doubt that after Anne Hutchinson, she was the first woman lecturer.

Melrose,
Febr. 17, 1902.

Dear Mr. Tappan,

Thank you most kindly for your very interesting note, with the photograph and memoranda. I am familiar with the history of Deborah Tampson, and therefore greatly appreciate the facts you gave me.

I should enjoy the commemoration you are arranging for April 3, and am sorry I must forego the plea-

ant occasion. One of my granddaughters living in Melrose is to be married that evening, and the wedding, in which I am concerned will detain me.

Neither could I pass the night in Sharon. I have two invalids in my family, my daughter and sister, and do not go from home for the night. But I may come to Sharon in the late spring expressly to see the interesting localities you describe. Yrs. truly,

Mary A. Livermore

Melrose,
Mar. 17, 1902.

Dear Mr. Tappan,

The date of my granddaughter's wedding has been changed from April 3, to April 10, to accommodate distant relatives. I can therefore attend the Deborah Sampson dinner, if I can be sure of leaving for Boston on the 9.01 p. m. train. My daughter is an invalid, and just now, is not as well as usual.

I have a broken muscle in the right leg, which causes me a slight lameness. I go

everywhere accompanied by my secretary, a little woman of great helpfulness, who will come with me on this occasion. My family is very uneasy when I go alone, especially in the evening.

The dinner will not be so prolonged, but what there will be time for me to speak before leaving, I think. Nor will you want from me a very long talk, as you will undoubtedly have many other speakers.

Yours truly,

Mary A. Livermore.

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Dedham Public Library.

Dedham, Massachusetts. Feb. 16 1905

Mr. Eugene Toppan

Dear Sir.

I have received a
te from Mr. D. G. Hill. in which you
ak of a plate used in the printing of
Jemal's Review", written by my grandfather,
ink I have the plate - a picture of
s Deborah Sampson. which I should
eased to loan the Sharon Historical
ty - for their use. If you will advise
how to send it - I will see that
" get it. I have had trouble with the
uscripts and plate before this, but I
k it will be all right in this case.

Yours respectfully
Miss F. M. Mann
29 Court St. Dedham

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Sharon Oct-19-1904

Mr Jackman

Dear friend

I received the paper with your account of our drive over the old "Post Road" for which please receive my thanks. You are doing Sharon good service in looking up her history for record. I enjoyed the ride very much. and if I can be of any service to you in your researches I will be very glad to do what I can.

Sincerely yours

Geo R Mann

Sharon Mass Jan 7 1905

gene Tappan Esq.
Sharon Mass.

ear Mr Tappan

I regret having missed
the pleasure of your call on Sunday.
Also that I cannot accompany the
party for the Sat afternoon walk
I write to say that since Mrs Tee
I make W. & with you, I trust
you will freely roam over my place
and use the seats & cold bottles as
time & weather shall, without the ~~ex~~
disturbing the party.
a pleasant outing.

Yours truly
Fred H. Vanderpoel

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Yours respectfully
O. T. Mason.

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Boston, Mass., July 4 1902

Eugene Tappan,
Bost.

Dear Mr Tappan:-

I have read with great interest the account you have given of the proposed celebration in honor of Deborah Sampson, a woman who served in the Continental Army and fought for the independence of our Country!

Descended as I am from one of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, ~~and~~ one who devoted not only his personal services but his life, his fortune and his sacred honor, to the defense of her Native land, and who moreover proved himself that Virginia's brave sons

be paid and equipped for the great battles to be
American history, the fact that in far away
Massachusetts there would be found a woman
who, differing from Molly Pitcher and others of her sex
sunk her own personality and fought as a
man in that heroic struggle, is indeed a fact
and touches me deeply.

In the Army of Prussia's King Frederick
Great it is said that a woman fought, and
in Blucher's Army, which battled most
gloriously against the French tyrant. Yet
a woman also fought for her fatherland
but then fought for King and Country. While
Deborah Sampson risked her life for the cause
of human liberty for the people and against the
King. Although a citizen of Massachusetts
when the word 'rebel' is synonymous with
traitor, still as a son of the grand old South
I regret that as Jefferson Davis, Lee and Stonewall

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ny minds to realize the present drift of this
ion and bring them to a sense of our great danger

Mel Kindest regards, Thus

Yours sincerely yours

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r Eugene Tappan
Corresponding Secretary
Sharon Historical Society
Sharon, Mass.

My dear Mr Tappan -

Thank you very much for he two copies of Publications no. 2 of the haron historical society. I did not expect a ersonal copy and appreciate it very much. e shall be very glad to call your attention o any new data of Sharon we may find in the uture.

Very truly yours

May Childs Nerney

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retary, Sharon,(Mass.)Historical Society

Sharon, Mass.

Dear sir: The State Library endeavors to obtain by gift, exchange purchase the publications of all the historical societies in the ted States. We would greatly appreciate the publications of the ron (Mass.) historical society. If you can not give them to us do not care to exchange them for publications equal in value, will kindly tell us where we can obtain them.

We are enclosing a list of our publications. In addition can supply the following publications of the State Historian -

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Ecclesiastical records of the state of New York. 4v.
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Each of the above volumes is worth $1.50.

Very truly yours

May Childs Nerney

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Lunenburg, Mass. Augt. 16th, 1905.

Tappan, Esq.,

haron, Mass.

ir:-

Some little time ago I received a copy of your publication -April 1905, of the Historical Society, addressed to my brother, m H. Putnam, whom I regret to say passed away on the 16th, of pril, after several months sickness. He came home from Washing- . C. two years ago last June, after having lived in the south for about five years. Our New England climate proved too severe for his tution and as soon as the cold weather set in last autumn he be- fail rapidly.

At the time your pamphlet came I was quite busy about Old eek celebration, so have delayed writing you.

Thanking you for remembering him, by sending the pamphlet,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Chas. E. Putnam.

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Sharon, Mass.

June 11 - 1904.

Dear Mr. Tolman -

Thank you very much for the copy of the [illegible] of the "Sharon Historical Society" - I have read it with much pleasure - I wish to present, on behalf of the "Sons of the Revolution" a copy of our Register, and trust it may prove of interest -

I hope you will place our Society upon your mailing list.

Yours very truly -

Walter Gilman Page.

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Westwood, Oct 28, 1905.

Dear Mr Dappan:

I thank you for your invitation to be present at the first quarterly meeting of the Sharon Historical Society. I have been invited to attend, & have every reason to think of the Westwood Branch Alliance in a row-building which will then be opened for the first time.

I am glad to learn of the formation of your society. There is material for interesting and valuable material for your society, both events, and people of former times, in Sharon.

Yours very truly

L. Particle

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Plympton Mass
May 4th 1903

Mr Osman

Dear Sir

I suppose you think that I am slow in answering your letter, but as I am busy every day it makes it hard to get to see the few old people that are left here that knew Mr Bradford and talked with him. I have been told that he spoke of this house as Deborah Lumpas birth place but now I dont seem to find anyone that remembers it he has been dead over fifty years and was over eighty when he died.

I bought this house 13 years ago had not been living here long when I was told that Deborah Sampson was born here they tell me that her Fathers family lived here until after she was born and that they were not known to live anywhere else they tell me that her father was a seafaring man and that he did not return from his last voyage and then the family broke up. since getting your letter I wrote to an old woman in Plymouth said to be the last one of the Sampsons born in Plymptn and said to be well read in the history of the Sampsons she is about

eighty years old yet. She is smart and her memory good. She says she dont remember Mr Bradford wrote about this house or not but if you wish to communicate with her she will give you all the information in her power. I will give you her address.

Mrs George Frazier
34 Middle Street
Plymouth Mass

Of course you want to feel sure and I want you to if it is the house it is worth knowing if not it is not

I expect Mrs Frazie
will be in Plymptor
the rest of this month

There is a Mr. Davis to
call on the Tennetts tho
sometime; he has been
here to see the house
you see him he could
give you a description of t
house

Yours truly

H A Tucker

Assisi. Italy.
March 17th 1904

Dear Mr. Capper,

Since my letter of Dec. 31st I am under obligation to you for three good newsy ones of dates Jan. 9. Feb. 2. & 22., and can assure you that they have been duly appreciated by all and family.

Most of your news was 'new', and much of it bad otherwise but for your thoughtfulness have escaped us entirely. News of the dear mother and of Sharon Fries has come to us from several sources but from a letter not to hand I am led to hope that both of these misfortunes are new things of the past. I was pained

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be a special favor to m

We were very glad to hea
that your daughter has be
well through the divorce li
tigation and able to resume
her social engagements
a careful way. —

I am glad to say that we are also well and are enjoying much that is new to us, although most of it would be old to write about. Our month in Rome was very fascinating but a little depressing and quite fatigueing, and we are improving this quiet mountain town for recuperation thro' the peaceful influences of pure air and beautiful natural scenery.

With kindest remembrances to your family in which my wife and daughters join, and to all Chinese friends,

I am,

Yours sincerely

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Mr. Eugene Tolman,
Sharon, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 12th.

I note that you desire something about Sharon history. Sharon history is not to be picked up in a moment, and I have nothing at hand now more than what I send you that is available, yet, in the future, no doubt, having you in mind, I will be reminded because you something. Now, I trust you will not feel that I am giving you advice unasked, but as I have been a member of Historical Societies a great many years, and belong to four now, the historical work occupies so much of my time that I do not care to join any more societies, at the same time always remembering that anything I can do for them will be rendered cheerfully and without expense.

I belong to the N. E. Historical Genealogical Society. I am also a member of the Stoughton Historical Society and the Bridgewater Historical Society, and an honorary member of the Old Colony Historical Society at Taunton.

I had prepared a paper to be read at the last meeting of the Sharon Society that would take about ten minutes for me to read. If Geo. W. Field reads a paper on ancient history it will be that there is about enough for them to think about one night. Historical work is real work, and it takes a great deal of time, and we do not want to throw away any brains. You will ascertain, after you have been a society a few years, that the points that will be of interest to all will be growing less and less all the time. Hence, when you have anything that is really good, you want to save it for the intellectual meal at the table.

I told the Secretary of the Stoughton Society that I would read this little piece of mine at the next meeting of the Stoughton Society, but as you are to read the same one you read at Sharon, as I understand, it seems to me that I had better not do it. I will send to you by some friend, before long, quite a number of papers that are personal to the early history of Sharon. I have a great many more, and they are valuable for the signatures as well as for the items of the then life, at the time at which they were executed. I do not know which meeting will be held first, but if you read your paper at Stoughton that will be all right. I feel that will be about as much as our people will care to listen to. I hope to see the Stoughton Society, I think, I do not make an effort to as I am not aggressive at all about this sort of thing. I have been exceedingly valuable work. But then I can assure that I have taken a great deal of pleasure in giving time to your society. They are the sketches of men that appear in the Bay Psalm Book.

Very few people are readers that belong to literary societies.

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not usually, I think, more than three or four. While all wish to have the society prosper, they usually wish to have other people do the work. Now, it is my opinion that any paper, to have value and influence, unless there is a tremendous interest involved in the treatment, should not be over fifteen minutes long. It increases with historical work as it is with periodicals. A little well-filled is better than an immense entire neglected. In other words, historical work is very much like all kinds of work today, which has become almost absolutely specialized. I am thus free in saying this, because I am certain that success depends almost absolutely on following these ideas.

Yours truly,

Loring W. Puffer

P. S. If you are in the Suffolk Probate office I will bring in a bundle the next time I come in

L. W. P.

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Brockton, Mass., 15 Green St.,

~~May 27, 1904.~~ 190

Mr. Eugene Tappan,

Sharon, Mass.

My dear Mr. Tappan:-

I am in receipt of your communication of yesterday, in which you ask me to prepare a paper on the old Bay Road. Now I know very little indeed about the old Bay Road. I have no doubt that by taking two or three months time and considerable travelling around, I might write up something about it, but I have a great deal that I absolutely know about other things which it seems to me would be quite as important as that.

Now I have considerable of the writing of my great-grandfather, Capt. Jedediah Southworth, who was born in Bridgewater in 1744, went over to Stoughton and married the only daughter of Capt. Consider Atherton, and with him marched to the Battle of Lexington, was in the whole Revolutionary War; was a member of the convention to accept the Constitution; and was one of the most, if not the most, prominent patriots of ancient Stoughton, that was at that hot old time. He was two years in Harvard. He wrote for the newspapers a great deal, and by the way, the poem, if that is what it would be called, that was printed in the old Boston paper just published, I have no doubt was written by him. I have some other material very similar to it, written in his own hand, that I should be very glad to show you, and I think you would agree with me that he was the author.

I write this much to say to you that it is better to let me talk about something I know, than it is to take the traditions of other folks. In haste,

Yours truly,

Loring W. Puffer.

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June, 26. 1905.

Sec'y of the Sharon Hist. Society
Sharon, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I have heard that your society have published, or are about to publish, some interesting matter relative to Deborah Sampson.

If this is in any sense a reproduction of "The Female Review," or other life as it appeared in the "Vermont Gazette" I would not care to purchase, as I own both already, but, otherwise, I would thank you for a copy of anything pertaining to her, she being a double cousin through her Mother, as well as through Capt. Thos. Sampson.

I shall be pleased to remit in advance if desired. Thanking you for your courtesy, I am,

Yours truly, Herbert Randall.

Hatt St.

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July 6/905.—

Mr. Eugene Tappan,
Sharon,
Conn.

My dear Mr. Tappan:

Please accept many thanks for your kindness in sending me the book. I am much pleased to own it. The copy colored too late for mention in current issue the Conn. Mag. but I will try and give it mention in next number. I have been asked to give a paper before the Ct. Historical Society next fall on Deborah Sampson, and hope to be able to get some interesting matter together.

Have you a picture of

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ation. The old house is
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est, standing in Plymptonville
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d I was double cousin to them,
related on both the Bradford
Sampson line, and this is what I
ed have said. My great-
father-five years captain, serving
Revolution, was Thos. Sampson.
take pleasure in sending
sample copy of the Conn. Magazine.
in thanking you for your courtesy in
ing me the copy of the book, I am

Yours most sincerely
Herbert Randall

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Worcester, Mass.
July 28-1905.

Secretary
Eugene Jaffan-
My dear Sir-
I hope you will pardon my delay in thanking you and the Shawsheen Historical Society for the copy of the Society's Publications, No. 2, recently rec'd - I have had time only to cut the leaves, but I am promising myself much pleasure in reading the addresses of the famous Debaters. I ever recall with pleasure, dear sir, when we recited here [illegible] in your new Town Hall. Yours very truly
[illegible]

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The First Congregational Church

S. H. SARGENT, Pastor

SHARON, VERMONT

Sharon, Vt. Nov. 5, 1905.

Mr. Eugene Lappan,

Dear Sir:--

Your letter and "History" duly recd. I have read the latter with much interest and wish to thank you for sending the same. I shall be glad to grant your request and send in time for your next meeting some account of the parish here.

I shall not attempt anything elaborate but will try and give an outline of our history which may be of some interest. We have an Old Folk's Day here in August, At that time a Miss Baldwin gave a most interesting paper on the early history of the town. I might be able to secure that for you if you so desired. But at all events I will give you something about the parish.

Very truly yours,

Rev. S. H. Sargent.

Turner, Maine.
~~Sharon, Vt.~~, Dec. 13, 1905.

Eugene Coppan,

Sharon, Mass.

Dear Sir:--

Some time ago I promised to give you a brief paper on the history of Sharon, Vt. Since that time I have accepted a call to the Cong. Church in this place and in the work of moving I forgot all about you. I find that I have neglected to collect material for such a paper and will therefore be unable to keep my promise. I am very sorry that it should happen so but it is well known that a move is as bad as a fire. In order that you may have something about Sharon, I am going to suggest that you try and obtain Miss Baldwin's paper. It is a remarkably well written paper and I feel sure that she would be glad to loan it to you for the occassion. Her name is Miss Addella Baldwin. She is a teacher in Boston but if you sent your letter to Sharon I am sure it would be forwarded to her. Or you can write to Mr. William Baldwin, Sharon, who will send you her Boston address. You may mention my name if you choose. Hoping you will have a good meeting,

I remain,

Very truly yours,

S. H. Sargent.

Scituate Mass

My dear Mr Tappan.

According to your request and in
cognition of your gift of the
N Eng. pamphlet, — a very
ditable publication, — I
d a few notes concerning Mr
a whom I remember as a
man resident in Scituate it
be of interest only to a few

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Nath. Hearn Jr

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d) recollections concering Rev.
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July 20 N. Cituate Mass 84

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ing to write you because I re-
ed an oversight in my former letter.
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ence to Mr Algie's book on the Fu-
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at doing so. The book was published
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the local paper and should be
served under fire-proof cond
Old Maps and deeds are worth sep
for obvious reasons. If you hav
beginnings of such a collection c
be able to add to it in a modes
I enclose this letter with one from Leic
order to show you that the town has a
appropriate seal. Thanks for your deserv
very interpriseing. Resp't - N. Lean

Dear Mr. Lapham:

Bath. N.H. 85
Jan 12. 1906.

The Programs of your Bums Festival at hand. Thanks for your thoughtfulness and consideration of our absence. We were just making arrangements for such a romance in our own home, now & think we shall drop program and follow your class as possible.

For your Outings for 1906, would it not be a good idea to have some one, especially fitted to the several tasks, to act as director or monitor in calling attention to Birds, Plants, Trees and other phenomena of nature, and have full reports on the same written out for the Book? These things belong as much to the history of the town as "old cellar holes," and places where men were born, lived or died.

Am not a Geological Director; a Botanical, Ornithological or Entomological Director? When walking through the "Temple of the God" why seek out only the junk, and the rubbish heaps? The rocks, vales, trees, shrubs, vines, grasses and weed plants — these all have now, and always had, economic relations to the lives of the people in the town. That is just the kind of work, or a small part of the work, I am going to do this

among the younger people of my church. Such work always done when I have had the care of the younger minds of a School or church.

I know invites that kind of work as much as any one can. The history of no town is complete until this side of it is told. The life of man is so affected by the soil, climate, and the vegetable and animal life immediate surroundings. More than most people realize these silent, subtlest influences are shaping their lives for them. To be aware of these influences is the fact of the injunction "Man Know Thyself." and them! What a pleasure and blessing.

When one goes afield to pasture his soul he will not miss these things, for as the great bard sang There is music in the running brook, speech in the trees, sermons in stones and good in everything. So I have fancy you will have a fine time at the Festival, and wish I could be present. I would like I could attend the outing, but alas fickle fortune otherwise for me,

Very Truly Yours,

A. N. Somers,

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ESTABLISHED 1874
The Chronicle
Needham, Mass.

W. SOUTHWORTH
r and Publisher

7/19/04

ene Tappan Esq.,

Dear Sir:

Some time ago you
vored us with a copy
the first number of your
torical Magazine, which in
me way was mislaid
ore we had opportunity of
iting a notice of the same
hich we wished to publish.
you have a spare copy
e would be pleased to
eive it as we have a special
rest in Sharon from connection
th Stoughtonham Institute.
you will inform us of the
bscription price will in-

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t appear in the
blication.

Yours respy
Geo W Southworth

Haverhill Mass May 28 1904

me Dappen Esq

Dear Sir

Postal and Historical
ment duly rec'd

Bages History of Rowley,
s History of Haverhill and various other
n History. that I have had occasion to
ult. all read very much alike.
The support of the ministry, seemed to be
their concern of these old patriarchs.
Present inhabitants of New England, contribute
f so much of their means the first settlers did
. Women in no hungry ministers about here
e old records dont appear to have devoted
much time to poetry. Consequently your
ew document seemes to be rather a novelty
line of Town Histories
you ask what I think of our brother Surrey's
ention on pages 22-28. briefly I should say that
n Blake gives us much more truth than
tory. I can appreciate all he says about

d hills and valleys. woods and bears
es and mosquitoes. I have been there, through
amps and over the mountains,
the N H line between Methuen & Salem N.H. We cut
ugh a dogwood swamps, over a thousand A
Judge. One of our men came near dying
the effects of the poison, but we never can
h field work on the boundary lines during the
e weather of winter, but if you have a leisure
, and care to look up these matters, you will
ably repair by reading the daily journal of
ru Hazen, kept during his survey of the
istinctive Northern Boundary Mar. & April 1841
Will find in full, in the Historical and Genealogical
ter, at the rooms on Somerset St. near
new court house, (page 323 for the year 1879)
you will wonder how he did such accurate
with no instrument but a simple surveyors
s, as you will remember that about 100 miles
line is shown on all ordinary maps, as a
the straight line Thus much for surveying

Yours truly

N. Stafford

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Boston Feb 27/1901 88

Mr. Eugene Clapham.
Sec'y Sharon Historical Society
Sharon Mass.

Sir, I send to you this day by express a photo of the Dr Smith house together with a short genealogy of himself & family.

I trust this will prove of interest to your society and have a tendency to help others to do likewise, for there are undoubtedly many left of the old Sharon families whose contributions would prove of special interest to the society & town.

Yours very truly
Ezra Otis Smith.

[illegible] N. H. June 11, '41

Mr Eugene [illegible]

Dear Sir

[illegible] has forgotten whether he [illegible] acknowledge the receipt of the pamphlet [illegible] I am requested to do so. We find the book contains much of interest to our society, and we have placed the scrap book, plan, and proceedings paper into [illegible]. Our society is small but we are fortunate in owning a good meeting house, our meetings, and conference rooms nearby all the gift of interested members here and elsewhere. We hope soon to

place there our growing collection of relics. With thanks for your kindly assistance, and best wishes for the success of Sharon Historical Society

I am Yours truly

Mrs. F. R. Symonds

Sec.

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K OF HOMESTEAD.

R. F. KEITH, PRESIDENT.
A. H. KEITH, CASHIER.

HOMESTEAD, OKLA. Dec 11th 05-

gene Tappen Esq
Stoneham Mass
My Dear Sir
I thank you for your
ightfullness in sending the
paper with the account of the trip
the old Dam and winding up at
Pres House. It must have been very
ercsting I am out in this part
e country shooting quail and I
ever saw them thicker would send
a lot for Dinner if it was not as far
Regards I remain yours &c H F Talbot

Sharon March 2 1902

Mr Tappan, Dear Sir

I send you an account
Deborah Sampson published some
ago in the Sharon Advocate. If
you should have a Sanpet in her
memory perhaps it would please the
company to read these few lines for their
entertainment. They are probably a
account of things as they happened
century ago. So far as the story
the State is related it should be
remembered that the Legislature was
convened at the State house at the

head of State Street and that
of the members from Maine board
at No. 4 State Street and it was
for them to cross the street and
the door and they were then in
meeting. — There was no red T
about business in those days

If you should have
occasion to use this paper please return
as I may have to use it at
future time. — wishing you
I remain yours truly
Solomon Talbot

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ARON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

INCORPORATED SEPT. 11, 1903.

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SHARON, MASS. Nov 6 1903

Mr Tappan

Dear Sir

I have this day
ceived the paper giving an
ount of Historical meeting last
as I did not feel able to attend
hope the work go on and prosper
the future. — I have been looking
the Randall family of Sharon
Dr Randall of Malden, I have also
t received a letter from Mr Wm
ickes Pester giving a sketch of his
hood life from his birth to the time
he came to Sharon to work for
lark before the war of the Rebellion
It will now have to be placed in
hands of some competent person
ite up his labors in Sharon

Yours Truly Solomon Talbot

Sharon Feb 17 1904

Mr Tappan

Dear Sir

Your kind note is
and, I was much pleased with the
ian Book. It will be very useful in
mining the meaning of the names of our
ponds and lakes, as well as a guide
enerations to come.

The map covers all the land south of
Blue Hills to the Old Colony line, and takes in
t one half of East-walpole and a mile
the Dedham side of Neponset river. This was
to Dedham in 1737 and the Walpole part was
ed to walpole and Wrentham about the
time. The land south of Billings Farm
et to Foxborough in 177
illiage of Stoughton is located on lot 64
Mr Ebenezer Billings in his will I observed
lot 16 set off to Arthur Wales for me. That
out 1697 or 8. Now Billings had been at work
s farm for 25 or 30 years and on this lot was
tin mans Ordinary and the old man Billings
f it: and in 1703 he sells it to his son Ebenezer
n orchard. The buildings were erected many
ago and were not in good condition for
ly weded couple and the travel increased
Milton Road and he probably built
w house on the Milton Road after 8 or 10 years

them perhaps that would as good
y as any to describe them
The Deeds and the Settlements give
good description as we can yet
this time, as the old people are
all gone.

Yours Truly
Solomon Talbot

I think at this time the Shingles were not sawed as at present but split or shaved. By 1740 the timber trees were sawed up and the owners of the mill, to be very taxed and turned over in their int. some miles in some places.

The Forests lived in Foxboro as Goods and Tills probably lived near Mansfield line as there are still Lows in Mansfield. The Richards lived in the North west part of Sharon and the Esty came from Topsfield, Cummings and from Salem or Springfield.

The Coneys lived near East Walpole. In 1792 Jebediah Clark sold a farm between the Sanatorium and the Fair to Joseph Coney. There were three Brothers Jebediah lived in Sedhan now Norwood a carpenter Nathan was a Blacksmith and in the parsonage which he sold to Rundlett and moved up to Billings Sawmill on Stream below the Tavern Ichabod was and lived where the Sanatorium stands. I think they came from Co.

I was thinking if had a small map with our zones located on it I would put down the old cellar and give some account of the people

Boston Feb 9 1904

Mr. Warfman

Dear Sir

I send you a little
ice of history which was published
a few years ago, but is chiefly valuable
in giving the time when the men were
, at the Plantations, I assume, the
record we have.

I have looked out a good many deeds
Boston and expect to continue to do
same but I have to avoid eye
yes for me. The one thing we have now
Canton Historical Society is, to up front
members who are willing to look out
deeds & bounds in town or some other town

and expect the conditions that
would obtain at some especial
meeting for that purpose.

In that way every one been
interested. I think I know of one
of note who was claimed as born
Canton who really belonged to Li

The old way from Milton
Billings came to Canton then to
Lisbon then on to Billings. That
would take to the mile works on
main Street, then up with a
road to Meyers on Cottage Street (from
William Billings) then to cross the
between the Old Randall House and
Reynolds now - based of it into

This Road was laid out [illegible]
after 1711, some changes were made,
in 1764 a committee was appointed to see
how the Road encroached upon the highway
and it was in its present location —
except that the road was straightened
where the well was in the Garden where
the money was hidden, the well was
run into the Road and filled up.

Yours truly
Solomon Talbot

Sharon April 8th 1904

Mr Tappan

Dear Sir

I have wanted to see you for some time about the walk on Patriots day but as I do not, I take this opportunity to write you a few lines

I thought perhaps you would like like to say a little something at the Supper Cellar and I send you a little History of Benjamin Tupper a worthy son of a wothy mother — Perhaps you could pick out something that would amuse the rambling crowd ten or fifteen minutes, they are wild and wont hear much talking —— I am in hopes that mister Gould the Great Grandson of Col. Ronald Quincy will be there to Identify the graves of his Ancestors and perhaps some others may wish to speak at the Cemetary + Mr William R Mann will probably say something about the opening of the Channel Massapoag pond &c — I shall try to tell something about the old Stoughtonham Furnace, Some of the crowd would like hear about the Bags of money in the well,

and if you can think of anything for me to do let me know

I have a copy of Quincys family in his own and his son's in law record of his own writing which I will read if Gould does not come

Yours Truly

Solomon Leach

Sharon Oct 8 1901

My Dear Mr. Tappan

I must tell you
how highly I appreciate your
kindness in procuring for me
a copy of John Newton's will. It is
a funny old fashion will, he was
so careful to do justice to every
one, so kind to poor Pompey, what
a contrast to Cousin his neighbor
Isaac Royall who after the constitution
was adopted, in the night called his
slaves up out them in a large covered

[illegible] to Boston and conve-
[illegible] to the Island of Bermuda

Your Book tells the History
the Staff and will always b[illegible]
interpreter of its Benevolent [illegible]
Owner John E Newton

[illegible] kindly y[illegible]
[illegible]
Owner

Solomon [illegible]

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Victoria College.
July 21st 1915.

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Mr Eugene Jarvis
Dear Sir

Many thanks for the report of the Historical society of Sharon which through your kindness came to me yesterday. I am reading it very much, and were I a great many years younger, and in better health, I should enjoy becoming a member of the society, and visiting the home of the late Mrs Gummett, of whom I heard so much when I was there. Miss M. A. Tolman and I had planned a trip to Sharon, for that purpose, at a severe loss of myself, about two years ago, and the one of an invalid sister with Miss Tolman

have not omitted it. For I have always felt that the old lady knew where she stood. I see in the reports that nothing is ever said of her early life. perhaps her descendants feel it a disgrace that she was a "tomboy girl". They must not for her parents have any idea. the girl must have a home and this process of Dan was gone through with to insure her good "treatment" and an education. and any one who reads this address which she gave in the Report of Cities & Towns of Mass. will readily see that my great Grandfather was true to his "tomboy girl", as it was called in those days. There are many things I would like to speak of, but will spare you, for they may be just the whims of a generation old (or young) lady of 75 years.

Yet we
defeated our foes.

I notice one thing in this report that verified what one step Grandmother had told me. namely, that Deborah Sampson's husband drew a Pension after her death on account of her services in the Army. In the 5th page of this report you will find these words. "Be it enacted &c. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, directed to pay out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to the Heirs of Ichabod Bennett of Sharon, in the State of Mass. now deceased the sum of $466. and 66 cts. being an equivalent for a full Pension of 80 dollars per annum from the fourth day of March 1831. to the decease of Benjamin Bennett. in January 1837. Often when I have spoken of his drawing a pension, people who might they knew more about it than I did

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The State Historical Society of Wisconsin

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

WAITES,
Librarian and Superintendent.

ADLEY,
Librarian and Assistant Sup't.

Madison, Wis., April 13 1905

We desire to add to the Society's Reference Library of 250,000 volumes and pamphlets which is especially rich in local history and genealogy, possessing one of the three or four largest collections (in the U. S.) a copy of the Publications of the Sharon Historical Society of Sharon. No. 1, April 1904

As it does not appear to be issued in the regular channels of trade, our book-agents are not able to procure it. We therefore respectfully request a copy, as a gift or otherwise, as may seem proper to you. If given, we shall esteem it a favor, and due acknowledgment will be made in the Annual Report of the Society.

Send either by mail or express, to The State Historical Society, Madison, Wis., as may seem most expedient; if by the latter conveyance, we will gladly pay transportation charges.

On behalf of the Society,

Very respectfully yours,

Reuben Gold Thwaites

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Sub-Committee (of the General Committee) to report to the Annual Meeting in December, 1905, upon "The best methods of organization and work on the part of State and Local Historical Societies"

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Madison, Wis., February 3, 1906.

ene Tappan, Esq.,

Sharon, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir: Yours of January 31st received. The report of the commit- on state and local historical societies will be published in the next ual report of the American Historical Association, to appear probably December next. Your Society doubtless subscribes to the Association's lications --- if not, I should think it desirable to do so. I am not e that Reports are separately sold --- but concerning this, please respond with the secretary, A. Howard Clark, Esq., Smithsonian Insti- ion, Washington, D. C. The conclusions of the committee, drafted by present writer, but not the detailed statistics to accompany the , will soon appear in the Iowa Journal of Politics and History, a of which may be obtained from its editor, Dr. B. F. Shambaugh, Iowa , Iowa.

Yours very truly,

R. G. Thwaites

Chairman.

U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.
7 Dec. 1903.

Mr. Eugene Dayton
Sharon, Mass.

Dear Sir:—

I am happy to be remembered by you by receipt of your favor of Nov. 26, 1903.

I am glad that a town historical society has been inaugurated. It will be of all-round benefit. It is one of the results of the starting of genealogical societies.

You are also fortunate

in having a historical town to begin with and some historical people also who have been its settlers and inhabitants. I have not the least doubt but you will be surprised at some interesting subjects long since forgotten, but worthy of discussion and record.

Sharon is one of the towns I think a great deal of and want to know more about.

If you publish I respectfully suggest that you adopt a uniform style and size, so they can be finally bound together and each become a serial number. The latter will give an idea of their order and number and will be of great assistance to libraries or collectors.

I mailed the Society one of the Colonial Wars Soc'y publications of D.C. and think it a good size.

The bulletin of place-names of the

the U. S. Geological Survey is to be reprinted with additional matter

I can have one of the first edition sent to the Society if desired, and, anyway will keep in mind a chance at the record.

I am going to try to get to Mass. at the G.A.R. Encampment in Boston next summer, and want to pay Harvard, at least, a call.

If I can be of any service let me know.

I am sincerely

Gilbert Thompson

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U. S. Geological Survey
Washington D.C.,
20 July 1904

M. Eugene Dubois
Dharam Maj
Sir:— Thanks for
invitation received. I intend
go to Mass. during
P. R. week, but will be too
minute
I have had some

tographical photo sent
— the Poem and to
on care which
ay be of interest and
e to you —
I am very sincerely
Richard Thompson

U.S. Geological Survey
Washington, D.C.,
Apr 21, 1905

M. Eugene Jaffren,
Sharon Mass:

Dear Sir:— I thank
you heartily for the
Sharon Club Souvenir".
It is elegant all round
ine. It contains some
iews I am glad to
ave. Masapoag pond,
with the fine trees par-
ticularly. The general portrait
~~[illegible]~~ is not the least of its merits.
Many thanks.

I received a good
al from the Town
ulk of Aaron, and if
— daughter can get in
Mayflower Society it
possible that I could
ll through.

I want to be put
un for a copy of
eborah Cameron's
ders, and will pay all
turn ?s e and postage
c. Glad it is coming
t. Hope other papers
here will also.

I am very sincerely
Lillian Thompson

U.S. Geological Survey
Washington, D.C.
May 1, 1905

Mr. Eugene Tolman
Sharon, Mass.

Dear Sir:— I am again indebted to you for No. 2 of your Historical Publications. (2 copies.) The reprint is deeply interesting to me. I think it is a pity that we have more of Deborah Sampson's own composi-

The reprint will have the standard of Colonial Poetry

tion; as she wrote a very clear and individual style. Her first application for a pension is her own composition and brand writing and it is a good piece of literary work.

I was particularly interested that she states quite clearly that she was at York Town. This is doubted by Winton but the story in the family has always been that she was at Yorktown, and

present at the surrender of Cornwallis. But it only increases the regret that she did not write the "Address" herself.

My aunt Elizabeth stated to me that she once had a thin pamphlet about her life but not "The Female Review". It made me very curious, but the address is undoubtedly what she referred to.

I was about to write to you as to the difference between the Rebec and Uniton's dates and the town records, but I assume that the latter would be accepted

as of greater authority.
I have all the town records I believe of Sharon and Stoughton. But there are some twelve records as yet.

Mr. Edward Denham, New Bedford, Mass., knows of a canteen which belonged to Deborah Sampson. May it is known of in Sharon?

My mother once had a small porcelain plate she purchased with her pension money; but I lost it when my goods and furniture were burned several years ago.

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Please find inclosed $1.00 and keep change to pay postage.

I trust that you send a complete set of the publications and sufficient to the Library of Congress. They are appreciated very much, and two sets would always be desirable for their use.

I shall be much obliged for anything and ready to pay as required.

You should have a Society Horse.

I am sincerely

Wilbur Thompson

No. 1712 — Corcoran St.

U. S. Geological Survey.
Washington D. C.,
May 27, 1906.

Mr. Eugene Zehden
Sharon, Mass.

Dear Sir:— I thank you very much for your kindness in sending No. 3. Sharon Hist. Tonical Society ought to be a very helpful society, as there is so much interest to me in your proceedings and doings.

If the Society will honor me election I will cheerfully forward the dues.

It seems to me your proposed building is too small for $6000 is big also.

Very truly yours
Chas. Thomson.

a complete set of your publications should be sent to the Smithsonian Inst. Washington.

Medfield Dec 2 1903

Mr Eugene Tappan.

Dear Sir: Your kind favor is received and I am sure I shall much enjoy reading your church history. I am interested in the Baptist movement referred to as several members of the church in Medfield were dismissed to form the new interest in Sharon, and I am anxious to trace some of them. If I can find some one among you who is interested in such researches it will be a gratification to me. Your history refers to Rev. William Gammel; my first name was given me on his account by my mother who much revered him.

In regard to the moose question I refer you for authority to Morse's history of Sherborn (now a very rare book) a foot-note on p. 273. Morse wrote about 1850: he was

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born in 1793, and he was acquainted with many men in his youth who could well remember the date referred to (1745).

I have no doubt that "Moose hill" in your town was named from the fact that some early settler in old Stoughtonham either saw or killed a moose there.

There used to be relatives of mine living (near Bluff-head which I think is a portion of Moose hill) by the name of Fairbanks. Perhaps you can tell me whether one Jeremiah F. or his sister Sally is still living.

My grandfather, Stephen Tilden, was a native of Stoughton, but I think of some part remote from Sharon. He was early left an orphan and wandering away finally married & settled here, so knew very little about his old home. If you know of any one who would be interested to look up the facts as to what-

because of those early Baptists of your town I will send the list of inquiries. I wrote to the church clerk some time since but failed to get the facts I wanted.

Very respectfully yours
William S. Tilden
Hist. of Mf.

P.S. I hope your Hist. Soc. is moving in the matter of having the Vital records printed under the new law of which so many towns are now availing themselves.

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Medfield Dec 8. 1903

Mr Eugene Tappan

Dear Sir: I herewith forward to you a list of inquiries as you kindly invited me to do.

Answers to any or all of them will be very gratefully received by me.

The persons referred to, with the exception of the first two were probably influenced by the preaching of Rev. William Gammell. They were at the time of their joining here said to be of Walpole, but I can find no trace of them in the records of that town. They very probably lived in some part of Walpole that was afterward annexed to Sharon.

Very truly yours

W. S. Tilden

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Oct. 29, 1903.

r. Eugene Tappan,
Registry of Probate,
Boston.

Dear Mr. Tappan, –

Pardon my delay in replying to your kind invitation send a word of congratulation and sympathy to the Sharon Historical ciety. At the same time please accept my thanks for the Parish History sent me, which I shall cherish and put in the archives.

It used to be taught in my boyhood days that some things which we emed important were of minor consideration, and yet personally I feel at if I had known as a boy my pedigree, poor as our family was, it uld have been both an inspiration and a source of encouragement to me. t as one pities the man who keeps his eyes fixed only on what is just ead of him and goes through life without enjoying the beauties and ndeur of nature, so that man is to be pitied who does not know the tory of his town, even though some of that history may seem tradinal or too romantic. But we men who have passed middle life cherish much sentiment as possible, for it lifts us out of the altogether too ctical world in which we live. I shall be very much mistaken if you not find the researches in your local history fraught with great asure to your members. And that it will lay broad foundations for rations to come no one can dispute. Will you accept for yourself fellow members this hearty greeting which I send.

Sincerely,

Rufus B. Tobey

Sitka, Alaska, April 10th 1900

Mr Tabler

Dear Sir:

Please accept my sincere thanks, for your kindness in sending me the account of the Jefferson Banquet. I was much disappointed in not being able to attend, as I had anticipated much pleasure, in meeting my descendants, and seeing the house and places she loved after her marriage.

I know of the Mr Hunter (your friend) who is to write the History

of Middlebury. A letter of [illegible] (the last
Thomas) has written [illegible] in regard
to some incidents in the Drummers [illegible]
that [illegible] wished to ascertain.
I should be glad to meet him. but I
seldom visit Boston and so should
probably be deprived of the pleasure.

Trusting upon again for
your kindness and respect [illegible] you on
the success of your Concert. I remain

Yours respectfully
[illegible]
Mrs E. A. Stevens.

[illegible] Dec. '7.

Fitchburg. Mass. Jan 29

Mr Tapman

Dear Sir

Your interesting Letter with Photograph enclosed: was duly received. also the Paper. for which accepts my thanks. You ask for information in regard to Deborah Sampson Garnett. I felt while reading your letter. that perhaps you knew more about her than I did. Most of my information is confined to her life previous to her joining the Army. Have you ever seen the Pamphlet that was published soon after her death? the incidents related there were probably taken from the Diary you speak of.

My Grandfathers Wife had one of these and I read it while she was with me but as I was young at the time did not realize the importance of the document which I sincerely regret. As I stated in my communication in the Globe - she was bound out to my great Grandfather when quite young. (as the custom was in those days) and was brought up with his family of Boys. receiving the same opportunities for an education as they did and while being taught all kinds of useful knowledge, in the way of house-keeping. was not looked upon by any means as a servant. On reaching her 18th birthday. she like most young Girls in her position. desired a change and hired out to Mr Benjamin Lewis - and. who lived near the ferm Corner

MONEY WITH A HISTORY.

Fitchburg Woman Has a Piece of Continental Currency She Values.

To the Editor of the Globe—I am a daily reader of your interesting and valuable paper. In your issue of a few days ago I noticed an account of an old piece of continental currency, owned by a man in Kansas City.

I was interested, as I have in my possession a $45 bill, printed by Hall & Sellers in 1779, and paid to my grandfather, Jeremiah Thomas, for his services in the revolutionary war. He was the youngest of 10 sons of Cephas Thomas of Middleboro, Mass, who all went to war and fought in the battles that made the United States a free and independent nation.

Deborah Sampson of revolutionary fame was bound out to my great-grandfather, and lived in his family until she was 18 years of age, when, her time of bondage having expired, she hired out to another family, and soon after donned male attire and enlisted in the army.

My grandfather married for his third wife a niece of Deborah Sampson, or Gannett, as was her name after her marriage, and she often related to me incidents of the army life of her aunt and my grandfather, as she had them from their own lips.

This money that I have was of no value to the soldiers at the close of the war, but was kept by my grandfather as a souvenir, and given to my father by him when disposing of his earthly possessions. My father gave it to me when I was a young lady, and I, of course, have treasured it as an heirloom and a curiosity.

The description given in your paper of the $8 bill corresponds very nearly with the one I have, except that mine says United States instead of colonies, and the number is 50624. It was issued according to an act of congress of the 14th of January, 1779. Signed by their own hand, Jno. Lawrence and So Spragell. The words on the seal are "Sec Floret Res Publica."

I have also a piece of currency called the "Pine Tree sixpence," printed in Boston, Oct 18, 1776, by John Gill. I am an old lady and the last of my father's family.

L. A. Tolman.

Fitchburg, Dec 13.

in Middleboro, in what was then called Barden Hills about two miles from her former Home. The Thomas Boys had all enlisted and gone to the War with the exception of the three youngest who joined the army as they became of age. My Grandfather being the youngest was the last to enlist only five months before Burgoyne surrendered. in toto she was homesick & lonesome and the great topic of conversation being in regard to the War. she formed the plan of dressing herself in Male apparel & enlisting hoping to meet the Boys who she looked upon as Brothers. as she had sewed on their clothes from her earliest remembrance it was an easy matter for her to make herself a Suit. the only difficulty being in finding a place in

which to do her evening and not be
detected. this obstacle was overcome by
her taking the children of her Mistress
out to an open lot opposite the house. a
while they amused themselves with
their play, she pulled her shuttle and
skillfully the pieces which is fastened
out to visitors as the spot where she mu
her suit of clothes is hidden from the
house by a high hill. here she donned
her apparel and appeared at the place of
enlistment as a fine specimen of a you
New England Farmer!!. you probably kn
how long she was in the army before s
was wounded I do not. you ask if I
know anything of her Captain. I do n
I have been told that her sex was dis
-covered by the surgeon who dressed
her wound which was near her Bre

and he did not disclose it to her Captain or Officers. but hurried to Gen Patterson and acquainted him with the facts. he very kindly granted his tent. she was brought there and a female nurse was procured until she was able to be carried to the Hospital. her discharge was procured and she was sent to her relatives. who my step Grandmother told me were not at all proud of her escapade. but did respect her for keeping her secret in trust and retaining her virtue amid the rough associations which surrounded her. You speak of her Grandson. are you sure he bears that relation to her? I have been told she had no Children. Was he not the son of another Wife of Her Husband? this was one of the questions that came

in to my mind when I read your letter. I had always been told that Mrs Sampson drew a Pension for her services for her Country as long as he lived. But I saw a statement a short time ago that the choice was given him he always a pension or the tract of land on which he built the House that his descendents now occupy. do you know which is correct? our family were destined to a long acquaintance with this Sampson family as my Grandfather married Deborah niece Sylvia Sampson for his third Wife and a niece of Sylvia lived in my Fathers family when I was a child. her name was Rosetta Sampson she was married when she was about 18 and died one year after. on the death of my Grandfather which occurred

in the Summer of 1842. Eliza Hidden (Sylvia) went to live with Mr & Mrs William Hurlbut of Lakeville who were relatives. After their deaths she came to me and spent the years of 1848 & 49 in my home going to Bridgewater on a visit to Cousins she was taken sick and died there.
I would like to know the year of Deborah death as I have forgotten the date: I fear you have not received much light on her life from my letter. but I do not wish to tell anything but the truth. I saw in Middleboro Paper not long since a paper on the life of Deborah Sampson read before the Historical society of that place by Mrs Bradford Harlow a granddaughter of Benjamin Leonard. perhaps she would be able to give you some facts with which I am not conversant. I hope I have

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Mr Eugene Tappan

Dear Sir

Yours of the 7th received.

I appreciate your kindness in keeping me in mind: and while I fear I am not capable of writing so able a document as you would wish. I will do the best I can. and you are not obliged to place it on file if it is not worthy.

As I have been quite ill and have not quite recovered my strength. I shall have to take my own time to write of Deborah but drop you this to let you know. "That though the Spirit is willing the Flesh is weak.

Hoping this will find you and your Family well;

I remain Yours respectfully

Mrs C. S. Tolman.

27 Payson St. Fitchburg.

Nov 13th 1903.

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RANDALL LODGE,

SHARON, MASS.

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Worcester July 20th 1904

Mr Cappan

Dear Sir

A few days ago I received from you a program of the Old Home Week Historical Day Aug 4th 1904

Several weeks ago I received a publication of the Sharon Historical Society. I wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness and assure you we are interested. We are always very glad to hear of Sharon whether it be social or progressive movements or both

I am glad that so much interest is manifested in the Historical Society and if right among the good people of Sharon all the time, we should help swell the number and try to aid in the social part. Some day it may come about.

Mr & Mrs Ben Welch have invited us to visit them during the week of Aug 1st I hope to do so and so be able to enjoy the social events mapped out for the week especially the ride to Moose Hill. A favorite of mine when we lived in Sharon.

Again thanking you we close. We would be pleased to meet you while in Sharon.

Yours most respectfully

Mary F Washburn

Worcester

Mass

Inquire Office

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Whipple House, Home of the Society
Ipswich, Mass

Ipswich Historical Society,

Ipswich, Mass.

July 23d.

My Dear Mr. Zaffan

I can come to Sharon on August 4th, and will speak at the meeting, as you desire. The topic will be in the line of remark you suggest. "The Value of the Historical Society to the Town."

I should prefer the sailing trip of the morning, but it would hardly be feasible to get to Salem so early in the morning. I shall be glad to avail myself of your kind invitation to be your guest over night.

I will send you word after I have found about trains when I will come.

Yours sincerely

T. Brook Thomas

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON.

February 5, 1906.

Eugene Tolman Esq.,
Sharon,
Mass.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the most recent publication of the Sharon Historical Society, for which please accept my thanks.

With regard to Government publications of interest to an historical society I have to my credit at the House Folding Room the reports of the American Historical Association for 1903 and 1904. If you have not received these reports, kindly advise me and I will send a copy of each with pleasure.

Very truly yours,

John W. Weeks

RUFUS B. TOBEY
BOSTON, MASS.
45 Milk Street, Rooms 41-42

Oct. 25 '06.

My dear Mr Adams

This is the last day of grace, and I must get into the Farm Historical Society before it is too late. May I trouble you to see that I am enrolled on the one dollar enclosed?

I have been pretty disappointed in my inability to get out to enjoy some of your outings. "C'est impossible".

Yours
Rufus B. Tobey.

TUDOR FARM,
MOTOR CAR CLUB,
SHARON HEIGHTS, MASS

Mr. Eugene Tappen,

Corresponding Sec'y,

Sharon Historical Society.

My Dear Sir:--

Yours of Oct.8th kindly asking per-
ission for your Society to call at Tudor Farm
otor Car Club for a few minutes next Saturday
fternoon is received.

We are pleased to say in reply that it
ould be very agreeable indeed for you to be
ith us at the time you mention. We are not
ntirely ready,as you will see when you arrive
t the Club,for visitors as we are just starting,
d have some over a hundred active members.

We will expect you on the above date, and will try and make the stay as pleasant for your party as we can under existing circumstances.

Very truly yours,

Amos A Whipple

Vice President.

Dear Mr. Ingham

After this long time
I am in doubt if you may
contribution to the scrap
book" - I hope it will
well - your approval and
be of interest to those in
it, as my mind came
the happy days in
Long Meadow -
I consulted Mr. Hastings'
family as regard it was

it had, or we are diff to read -
The [illegible] is the suggestion
I have of the bulletin [illegible] -
I think this will reach you
all right -

Sincerely -
Emma A. Winship

1 Lafayette Park
Springfield

Oct. 2. 1905.

[illegible] I did [illegible]
it a correct copy.
I had the [illegible] a report
of all the Picnics and
the manner of [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] or [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible].
I enclose [illegible] to the Invi-
tation [illegible] "Reunions"
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] it before [illegible] sheet
[illegible] the paper - and add
it to the other - I have
no more paper - and I

Mr. Eugene Lippan -

Dear Sir - With this send you an article for the Sharon Scrap Book - written by my Mother -

If it is not in the line you desire, just hold it one side -

She took enjoyed writing it very much and to me it seems

a very good reminiscence for a woman nearly ninety nine years old.

Writing the Marion Historical Society many years of life and happiness.

Sincerely,

Elmira D. Winship

Fairfield Park

Lynn, Mass.

Dec 27 1924

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[illegible] account

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] Pillings. It would

have been a [illegible]

day for me [illegible] if

he had lived.

Uncle is [illegible] in

August. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] more or less [illegible], & possibly.
In regard to published accounts
of our political days, I have in
my possession one or two pieces
1864 1865. 1866 1867 and 1868 These
are in pamphlet form. I also
have in my scrap book cuttings
from the newspapers, as well as
of the other — So, you see I
had a good collection of facts
to write from — I consulted Mr.
Billings' family in regard to

[illegible] to [illegible] church - He certainly has an opportunity to work - and I admire his devotion to his chosen calling -

It gives me much pleasure to know that my little history of Manitoulin is acceptable - I enjoyed it as I was the preparing it - I brought back many happy days, and for a little I forgot that the actors in those

[illegible]

Some time when I come out [illegible]
I hope to see these [illegible]
[illegible] it is quite [illegible]
You need a beautiful [illegible]
for your [illegible], [illegible].
Give some [illegible] [illegible] for
your paper and [illegible] [illegible]

Sincerely,

Edward [illegible]

Oct. 15. 1905.

Detroit, Mich.
April 24 1902

Dear Sir

I am sorry to
inform you that the
Insurance Co. would not
at present consider the
case of a Physician
who had cancelled all
engagements and broken
his own arm calling
off the post-graduate
for fear it would

[illegible]

[illegible]

Adelaide [illegible]

Boston July 5. 1893.
1055 Kilby St.

Dr L W Pusey
Bucklin Mass. Dear Sir.

I am always glad to hear from old friends, and of old places, and more especially those of my "boyhood" days, and thank you for sending me the paper, giving me the information that the Josiah Talbot, old farm house had "gone up in flames", for if there was a hospitable mansion on Gods consecrated earth, fifty years ago, under whose roof I enjoyed a sleeping, it was in that same old Josiah Talbot mansion, where I was always welcome, and

very often went, and the old people were interested in the schoolmaster in those days, while he was more interested in the young ladies of the household, and so we made things lively, and when I look back to those days and scenes, it seems like a dream, but "such is life".

Yours very truly

J. H. Gilliland

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Ætna Insurance Company

Hartford, Connecticut

Brockton, Mass. August 5 - 1908

My dear Mr Philips,

To-day I came across a letter of Mr Hilliard, the old Sharon schoolmaster of many years ago. Since our friend Taffner has been called away I think I must rely on you to insert this letter in the little book I gave the Historical society, some months ago. Hilliard was a grand man, and his mention of Sharon, is another evidence of the standing of Sharon families in the past. I enjoyed the two visits I made last week at your house. It almost seemed that I had lost a relative, for I do not have one that I respected more, and to know that it was an universal love on the part of all who knew "a just man made perfect". I have said above that I enjoyed my visits because the human sympathy everywhere exhibited was well deserved and appropriate, for they knew well the man who had gone.

truly

Loring W. Puffer